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Dear Mr. Striso,

Your letter of October 14 is interesting. I did have the kind of publishing difficulties you gather. It was not pleasant, not has my experience at the hands of those publishers who subsequently did books on this subject been what I like to live with. The truth about the Popkin book is worse than your kindess toward it.

A makeup man who knew her tells me that just before her death Dorothy Kilgallen told him she was going to do something about this case. Penn Jones, Jr., is a brave man, especially for Texas today. He probably knows more about the strange deaths of people connected with the assassination than anyone. I have great respect for him. The suicide you mentioned is indeed odd, and sometime when you feel you can say more about it I'd like to know what you can tell.

The Channel 5 show is done. It was taped the night of August 29 and the morning of the 30th. I imagine we taped about four and a half actual hours. When last I spoke to the people there they had cut it to 3:15 and were going to cut it to 3:00. There is little of Ruby on it because we all agreed in advance to certain topics that would be discussed because the field is so vast had we not there would have been chaos.

I hope you are right about a break coming soon. I feel that way, but there is so much involved it is really difficult to form an opinion based upon probability. I agree that the story is moving fast, very fast, but the "folk heros" are not without power and influence.

Senator Dodd is not alone. I made a number of efforts along the same line with others in both Houses and accomplished nothing. For them the situation is still too dangerous. I believe, however, that most Members have little doubt that the Report is invalid. This may be true of most of them.

Without doubt there are and have been hazards. We have suffered only minor harassment. No threats. But I have not directly adressed myself to the solution of the crime. To be accepted, that would, I feel require an official function of some sort. This in WHITEWASH I set out to prove only that the expected job had not been done and must be entirely in public and preferably by Congress. To justify this I had to destroy the major conclusions of the Report. This I believe I did with only the official evidence. I am not aware of any subsequent work that adds materially to what I did, save in circulation. All the others together do not approximate the content of my book. In the sequel I set out to add to this revelation and to show who did the whitewashing. The tentative title is WHITEWASH II: WHO DID IT! It may apply some of the pressure you refer to, and in just those kinds of areas.

When last I heard from the WNEW people they planned for us to get together in NYC some time prior to the airing. They may plan certain public relations activities of which I am not aware. Perhaps at that time we can, as you suggest, get together. If I know in advance I'll drop you a line. ~~Perhaps we can then get together as you~~ suggest. It might be interesting.

Thanks for taking the time to write nice things. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg